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Three CCT Organizations Affected by SGA Budget Cuts

Three organizations at Clarkson have been affected by the Student Government Association budget problems. SGA, Potsdam State's counterpart to the Clarkson CCSA, pays half of the budget for Ice Carnival, and WTSC. Up until this year, WNTC was also joint funded. When the audit of SGA accounts showed a deficit of \$40,000, CCSA President Bob Rizzieri, CCSA Vice President Bob Ziek, CCSA Comptroller Maggie Mangen and Recreational Services Director Guy Arnold met with SGA President John Duggan and SGA Treasurer Tom Kilmartin to discuss the affect of the deficit on the three organizations. At that meeting, held in early December, Duggan and Kilmartin told CCSA that they wanted WNTC liquidated, that they would fund WTSC for at least two years, and that they might pay their half of this year's Ice Carnival budget. The following is a synopsis, by organization, of what has

happened since that meeting.

WNTC

Last spring, after CCSA had already approved WNTC's 1976-77 budget, SGA voted to drop all funding from WNTC. As a result, CCSA picked up SGA's half of the funding making WNTC a totally Clarkson organization. On the basis of past money invested in the station, SGA wants half of WNTC's assets - in cash. At the December meeting, Duggan and Kilmartin said that SGA is entitled to half the insured value, or \$13,000. CCSA, in turn, explained to them that the insurance, which Clarkson pays for, is based not on the present day value of the station, but on the replacement value, a fact that Duggan and Kilmartin claimed they did not know. Actually, about 75% of the equipment in WNTC was designed and built by station members. Thus, the present-day value is not near the insured value.

Rizzieri spoke to Dean

Davis about the WNTC situation and the possibility of having an audit done to find the actual value. Davis said that he could find someone to do the audit, but the cost would have to be split between CCSA and SGA. SGA has said nothing about paying for the audit.

Rizzieri also explained the situation to President Plane, who answered that he does not want to see any money change hands (CCSA to SGA).

While waiting to see the final outcome, several CCSA senators have been raising some interesting points about the SGA suggestion of liquidation. First, the audit will probably cost more than the actual value. Thus, SGA wouldn't gain any money - just lose a radio station. Second, CCSA does not have the money to throw away on an audit. Third, if labor is considered as part of the equipment value, a 50-50 split of the cash could be considered unreason-

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able, since all the equipment was built by Clarkson students.

WTSC

Many questions have been raised by both SGA and CCSA about WTSC's operations.

Duggan and Kilmartin, even though they intend to continue funding the station, complained that WTSC has answered none of SGA's phone calls or memorandums.

Apparently WTSC may be in financial trouble without knowing it. WTSC, because it is funded by SGA, is subject to SGA regulations as well as CCSA regulations. SGA finance committee requires each organization to have a representative at each meeting. For every three meetings an organization misses, 10% of its budget is cut. Although no dollar amount was mentioned, Duggan and Kilmartin inferred that such a cut had been made to WTSC's budget possibly more than once.

WTSC is also being questioned by CCSA because of not complying with the rules. Last semester, WTSC did not respond to three written requests and two phone calls concerning the station's inventory. The inventory was for insurance purposes. After the first senate meeting this semester, CCSA senate sent Carol Thorsten, WTSC station manager, saying, in essence, inventory or impeachment. WTSC did, at that point, turn in an inventory, but the inventory did

not include much of the equipment or serial numbers. As a result, Rizzieri is referring WTSC to the senate activities committee for investigation.

Two questions have been raised about SGA's handling of WTSC. First, the station is insured under the CCSA policy. If WTSC is joint funded, why doesn't SGA pay for half of the insurance? Second, if WTSC has received budget cuts from SGA, why hasn't CCSA been notified?